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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Richard GRIFFITHS et al.  
Serial No. 08/973,363  
Filed December 4, 1997

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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AVIAN CHD GENES AND THEIR USE IN  
METHODS FOR SEX IDENTIFICATION IN  
BIRDS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 1, 2000, the time for responding thereto  
being extended for two months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted  
concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claim 50 as follows:

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50. (Amended) An avian CHD-protein, fragment thereof or a polypeptide containing a  
product of the CHD-gene [of] or part thereof, or a CHD-mimotope protein, fragment thereof or a  
CHD-mimotope polypeptide which is derived or derivable from the isolated nucleotide sequence  
of claim 34 or 35.